Storage facilities for Foodgrain.

514. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the storage facilities for foodgrains are adequate in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if not, the details of the steps taken by Food Corporation of India in this regard;

(c) the extent to which the damage has been caused to foodgrains in the country last year due to shortage of godowns in the country;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to construct/acquire more godowns in the country including Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) At macro level, the existing storage capacity is adequate to store the available stocks. However, in order to take care of any deficiency at local levels, field officers of FCI have been delegated powers for hiring additional storage capacity from private parties as well as Government agencies like CWC/SWCs, State Governments, etc. Besides, various steps like expediting construction programme of godowns, enhancement of covered and plinth capacity of FCI, etc., are being taken to provide additional storage capacity for foodgrains. The total storage capacity available with FCI, including in Rajasthan, for storing foodgrains as on 1-11-1994 was as under:—

	Total capacity in lakh tonnes	Stocks in lakh tonnes	Percentage utilisation
All India	267.06	216.01	81
Rajasthan	16.52	15.21	92

(c) There are no reports regarding loss/damage caused to foodgrains in the country on account of indaquate storage capacity.

(d) and (e) Food Corporation of India proposes to construct an additional storage capacity of 0.67 lakh tonnes during 1994-95 and 2.48 lakh tonnes during 1995-96. As already mentioned above, Rajasthan already has 16.52 lakh tonnes capacity (covered 10.27 lakh tonnes and CAP 6.25 lakh tonnes as on 1-11-1994. There is no proposal under the consideration of FCI to construct its own godowns in Rajasthan during 1994-95 and 1995-96. FCI, however, proposes to augment its capacity under cover and plinth (CAP).

Sugarcane production in Maharashtra

515. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugarcane produced in Maharashtra during the current year;

(b) whether the production is duction is in accordance with thetarget fixed if not, reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for bringing the production to the level of installed capacity; and

(c) the number of new sugar mills added to the State during this period indicating the additional quantity of sugar cane added?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) During the